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RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 12, 2003 for the above-captioned application. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicants request an extension of time sufficient to make this paper timely and enclose the fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 15-0610.

Claims 17-107 are pending in this application.

Claims 17, 22, 25-26, 28, 31-33, 36-37, 43, 75, 77, 83-84, 87, 90-92 and 103-107 stand rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as anticipated by US Patent No. 6,031,616 of Seiffert. Seiffert

I hereby certify that this paper and any attachments named herein are being deposited with the US Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on Dec 30, 2003.

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has a filing date of May 25, 1999, which is its effective date as a reference under 35 USC § 102(e). The present application claims the benefit of Swedish Patent Application 9803851-6, filed November 10, 1998, a date prior to the effective date of the Seiffert patent. To establish that Applicant is entitled to the benefit of the filing date, a certified copy of the priority document was filed on December 6, 1999. Applicants now submit a verified translation of this priority document. Without making a word-for-word comparison, this translation appears to be the same as the application as filed. Thus, Applicants submit that the Seiffert reference is not prior art with respect to this application, and that the rejection should therefore be withdrawn.

Applicants enclose herewith a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement together with the fee for submission after the filing the disclosure after the first official action. Copies of the documents listed are enclosed for the Examiner's convenience. Entry of the Information Disclosure Statement and consideration of the references are requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Marina T. Larson", followed by a horizontal line.

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